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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3850  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, BA, US  
SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS THAT USG HAS CONSULTED SAUDIS ABOUT BAHRAIN'S  
DEFENSE NEEDS

REF: USMTM 250945Z MAY 77

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY JIDDA FROM CHUSMTM  
DHAHRAN, 25 MAY 77 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS...THAT USG HAS CONSULTED SAUDIS ABOUT BAHRAINS  
DEFENSE NEEDS (S)  
A. MANAMA 1125 (241303Z MAY 77)

1. (C) CHUSMTM DOES NOT HAVE COPY OF REPORT AND WAS PROVIDED ONLY  
GENERAL IDEA OF ITS PRELIMINARY CONTENT BY SURVEY TEAM. (AMB CLUVERIUS

WAS PRESENT AT A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SURVEY WHICH OCCURRED AT  
COMIDEASTFOR'S QUARTERS IN NOV 1976).

2. (S) SUBJECT OF USG ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF BAHRAINI DEFENSE  
FORCES HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CHUSMTM BY MODA OR VICE MODA. RECALL  
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THAT SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY MODA TO AMB PORTER. AMB PORTER DISCUSSED  
AT 7 FEB 77 MILITARY COUNTRY TEAM MEETING. MINUTES AVAILABLE AT  
EMBASSY. SUBJECT WAS RAISED ON ONE OCCASION WITH CHUSMTM BY RSAF  
CAPT (PRINCE) BANDAR BIN SULTAN WHO APPEARED TO HAVE PRIOR INFORMATION

THAT BAHRAINIS HAD DISCUSSED SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING

AIRCRAFT, WITH THE U.S. SURVEY TEAM. AT TIME, CHUSMTM ASSUMED THAT BANDAR HAD GOTTEN INFORMATION FROM HEIR APPARENT WITH WHOM HE IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT. BANDAR, WHILE NOT DISCUSSING SPECIFICS, MADE GENERAL POINT THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE SAUDI GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF QUOTE OVERSOPHISTICATION UNQUOTE OF BAHRAINI DEFENSE FORCE.

3. (S) CHUSMTM REPORTED CONVERSATION VERBALLY TO POL/MIL SECTION OF EMB JIDDA TOGETHER WITH OBSERVATION THAT WE WERE IN DANGER, IN THIS SITUATION, OF AGAIN FINDING OURSELVES BETWEEN TWO ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND THAT SAUDIS COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO BAHRAIN. TO THE BEST OF CHUSMTM'S RECOLLECTION CONVERSATION WITH CAPT BANDAR AND DISCUSSION WITH POL/MIL OCCURRED IN DEC-JAN TIMEFRAME.

4. (S) OFFICER WHO KNOWS HEIR APPARENT FROM STAFF COLLEGE IS COL SHALALA, CHIEF ARMY SECTION, USMTM. COL SHALALA REPORTS HE HAS NOT HAD DISCUSSION OF SURVEY WITH HEIR APPARENT. GDS-85. UNQUOTE.  
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